

Criminal Code of Bulgaria (1968, amended 2011) (excerpts)

(unofficial translation, emphasis added)

Criminal Code of Bulgaria (amendments in force from 27.05.2011)

(excerpts)

Article 115. [Homicide] (...) who deliberately kills somebody shall be punished for homicide by imprisonment from ten to twenty years.

Article 116. [Homicide]

(1) For homicide

(...)

11. (Prev. item 10 - SG 92/02; suppl. - SG 33/11, in force from 27.05.2011) committed from hooligan, racist or xenophobic motives and

(...) the punishment is imprisonment of fifteen to twenty years, life imprisonment or life imprisonment without an option.

Article 131. [Bodily harm]

(Amend., and Suppl., SG 28/82; SG 95/75) (1) (Prev. text of art. 131 - SG 62/97)

(...)

12. (New, SG 92/02; suppl. - SG 33/11, in force from 27.05.2011) with hooligan, racist or xenophobic motives

the punishment shall be imprisonment: from three to twelve years for a serious bodily harm; from two to ten years for an average bodily harm; up to three years for a light bodily harm according to art. 130, para 1 and up to one year or corrective labour according to art.

130, para 2.

Article 162 [Violence and damage of property]

(Amend. - SG 27/09; title amend. - SG 33/11, in force from 27.05.2011)

(1) (Amend. - SG 27/09; amend. - SG 33/11, in force from 27.05.2011) (1) Who, through speech, press or other means for mass information, through electronic information systems or in any other way, propagates or **incites** discrimination, **violence** or hatred on **racial, national or ethnic ground** or shall be punished by imprisonment from one to four years and by fine from five thousand to ten thousand levs and by public reprobation.

(2) Who applies violence against another or damages his property because of his **nationality, race, ethnic origin, religion** or his political convictions, shall be punished by imprisonment of up to four years and by fine from five thousand to ten thousand levs and by public censure.

or a group shall be punished by imprisonment of up to three years and by public censure.

(...)

Article 163 (Last amendment, SG No. 27/2009)

(1) The persons who **participate in a crowd for attack on groups of the population, individual citizens or their property** in connection with their national, ethnical or racial belonging shall be punished:

1. the instigators and leaders - by imprisonment of up to five years;
2. all the rest - by imprisonment of up to one year or corrective labour.

(2) If the **crowd or some of the participants are armed** the punishment shall be:

1. for the instigators and leaders - imprisonment of one to six years;
2. for all the rest - imprisonment of up to three years.

(3) If **an attack is carried out and as a result of it a serious bodily harm or death has followed** the instigators and the leaders shall be punished by imprisonment of three to fifteen years and all the rest - by imprisonment of up to five years, unless they are subject to a more

Art. 165.

(...)

(3) For the acts under Art. 163 committed against groups of the population, individual citizens or their property in connection with their religious belonging shall apply the punishments stipulated by it.